

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A mounting ~~Mounting~~ arrangement for attaching an electrically powered stapler mechanically and electrically to a photocopying equipment CHARACTERISED IN THAT the mounting arrangement comprises:

a mechanical mounting device for mechanically connecting the stapler to the photocopying equipment, and including a first attachment member provided on the stapler and a second attachment member provided on the photocopying equipment; and  
an electrical mounting device for electrically connecting the stapler to a power supply,

wherein one of said first and second attachment members is provided with guide rails integral therewith, and the other of said first and second attachment members is provided with guide runners integral therewith, and

wherein when the stapler is mounted to the photocopying equipment, said guide rails and guide

runners engage with each other and the mechanical mounting device and the electrical mounting device form an integrated unit, ~~which mounting device comprises a first attachment piece connected to the stapler and a second attachment piece connected to the photocopying equipment, and an electrical mounting device for connecting the stapler electrically to a power supply, which mounting devices comprising an integrated unit.~~

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A mounting ~~Mounting~~ arrangement in accordance with claim 12, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the mechanical mounting device comprises a snap-action latch which secures the first attachment member to the second attachment member ~~which secures the two attachment pieces to each other when the said parts are connected.~~

4. (currently amended) A mounting arrangement in accordance with claim 1, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the electrical mounting device comprises a first electrical connecting part attached to one of said

first and second mechanical attachment members  
piece, and a second electrical connecting part  
attached to the other of said first and second  
mechanical attachment members, piece, and that the  
said first and second connecting parts are joined to  
form an electrical connection when the mechanical  
attachment pieces are assembled together

wherein when said first attachment member is  
attached to said second attachment member, an  
electrical connection is formed between the first  
and second electrical connecting parts.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A mounting arrangement in  
accordance with claim 3, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the  
electrical mounting device comprises a first  
electrical connecting part attached to one of said  
first and second attachment members, and a second  
electrical connecting part attached to the other of  
said first and second attachment members,

wherein when said first attachment member is  
attached to said second attachment member, an  
electrical connection is formed between the first

~~and second electrical connecting parts one of the mechanical attachment pieces and a second connecting part attached to the other mechanical attachment piece, and that the said first and second connecting parts are joined to form an electrical connection when the mechanical attachment pieces are assembled together.~~

7. (new) A stapler constructed to be electrically and mechanically attached to a photocopying equipment, the stapler comprising:

a first mechanical attachment member including a guide arrangement for mechanically attaching the stapler to the photocopying equipment; and

an electrical attachment member for electrically connecting the stapler to a power supply,

wherein the guide arrangement includes guide runners or guide rails integral with said first mechanical attachment member and disposed to engage corresponding portions of a second mechanical attachment member on the photocopying equipment when the stapler is mounted to the photocopying equipment.

8. (new) A stapler according to claim 7,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT the first mechanical  
attachment member includes part of a snap-action  
latch mechanism to secure said first and second  
mechanical attachment members to each other so as to  
form an integral unit.

9. (new) A stapler according to claim 8,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT the electrical attachment  
member comprises a first electrical connecting part  
attached to the first mechanical attachment member  
and disposed to make an electrical connection with a  
corresponding second electrical connecting part on  
the photocopying equipment when the stapler is  
mounted to the photocopying equipment.

10. (new) A stapler according to claim 7,  
CHARACTERISED IN THAT the electrical attachment  
member comprises a first electrical connecting part  
attached to the first mechanical attachment member  
and disposed to make an electrical connection with a  
corresponding second electrical connecting part on

the photocopying equipment when the stapler is mounted to the photocopying equipment.